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"I CAN WHIP JACK JOHNSON EASILY," JESS WILLARD DECLARES

Big Fighter Reaches El Paso, After Laying Over a Day at Tucumcari on Account of Railroad Wreck, and Says He Could Have Whipped Johnson Even in Johnson's Best Days; Goes to Training at Once.

"I HAVE all of the confidence in the world that I can beat that 'champion,'" Jess Willard said Monday morning, upon his arrival in El Paso. "I hope Jack Johnson is as good as he was when he whipped Jeffries at Reno, or when he saw the best day of his life. I can beat him and could have beaten him the best day he ever saw." Willard continued with a confident smile. "He only has 11 or 12 knockouts to his record, while I am a meet them. He has never done anything that would make me believe he is a wonderful man and I am not the least bit flattered by his theories. "I went into the fight game to whip Johnson and I am going to do it. Just write that down in black type. Every fight I have had, the fans told me I would get licked. But I have never been knocked down, never had my nose bled, nor my eye blacked and they have been telling me that Johnson would lick me. I know better. I am going to win this fight and return the title to the white division, where it belongs."

JESS WILLARD, bigger than a skinned horse and as good natured as a school boy, blew into town on the delayed Southwestern train early Monday morning to begin his preliminary training for the fight with Jack Johnson for the heavy weight title of the world.

Willard is the biggest man ever seen in El Paso. He measures six feet six inches in height and makes the local giants look up to him when they talk. He is a clean cut big fellow without a trace of the pugilistic look which is the mark of a professional fighter. He is a man seeking the most cherished title in the fight game. He has a pleasant smiling face, a pair of keen eyes and a nose that is as straight as a Greek statue's nose. The only scar visible on his features is a small one over his left eye, which is half concealed by his eyebrow.

Big Jess was held up by the derailment of the Southwestern at Tucumcari, N. M., and disappointed a big crowd of fight fans who gathered on the lee side of the station Sunday afternoon waiting for the arrival of the white hope of boxing. While he waited, the big Kansan was being entertained at Tucumcari by the mayor and the city council with a reception at the Elks club. Jess showed some for exercise, at a porthouse as big as a single blanket and made the best of the delay like the overgrown boy that he is.

Willard heard on Willard was Tom Jones, trainer of champions, who will handle the big blond boy for his fight with Johnson. Jones will be in complete charge of the training camp at the ranch of John M. Wyatt, 10 1/2 miles down the valley on the paved road. Willard will start his preliminary training Sunday. Tuesday and will be down to work in earnest by Sunday.

Jones has arranged for some hard working sparring partners, wrestlers and cubbers for Willard, and there will be no kid glove fighters on his staff, Jones says. At No. 10 of Los Angeles, will be one of the best sparring partners. He is big, husky and can absorb punishment like a punch bag. Yusuf Hussain, the "Terrible Turk," wrestler, will be in Willard's camp as his conditioning wrestler. He will go to the mat with the big man every day to get him hardened for his fight with Johnson. The preliminary training starts Tuesday and will be the conditioning campaign to get the Kansan in perfect form for his big fight. Walter Monahan, of Los Angeles, will be another sparring partner for Willard, as will "Tex" O'Rourke, the New York athlete. Jim E. Lee, of New York, will be another member of Jones' training staff, and any husky local fighters who want to take a round at the big man will be welcomed at the training camp.

Willard weighed 245 when he arrived, but he says he will train down to 220 before the fight. This will be 25 pounds heavier than the negro, who weighs 195 at his usual weight, which is 215 pounds.

Willard has the most remarkable

reach of any man in the fight game. It measures 52 1/2 inches and is reinforced with considerable muscle on his powerful shoulders and barrel chest. He will be able to outreach the negro and his punches will outweigh those of the negro, while he is taller and younger, being only 25 years old. He expects to start his road work Tuesday morning with a four-mile jog down the Yaleta road to the old town and back. He will increase this distance daily, as he is anxious to get acclimated before he starts his really hard work. He has been doing gymnasium work in Omaha, Kansas City and other places, and says he is in excellent condition and has noticed no effect of the altitude on his breathing apparatus.

TEAM SAYS UMPIRE CAUSED DEFEAT

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To win if any of the following three batters could hit safely.
Just at this point the unexpected happened. Usually, when balls are hit into bleachers, they are quickly gobbed up by some of the waiting fans. This particular hit eluded the catch of the fans, struck squarely on the boards, and then bounded gracefully over the top of the right field fence. The home team insisted that such a hit entitled the batsman to a home run, which would have given the game to the home club by the score of 2 to 1. The side in the field contended that the ball was not a fair ball. What would you have done under the circumstances?
Team Blamed the Umpire.
The umpire in charge of the game held that the hit was good for only two bases, which, instead of scoring two runs, merely placed runners on second and third. Unfortunately for the umpire, the three best batters up were unusual to the occasion, two of them striking out, the other sending up a short fly to the left fielder. The fans and home players naturally contended that the unjust ruling of the umpire had deprived them of the victory.
The official contended that, since all his hits into the bleachers had been scored as good for two bases, the moment the ball struck inside of the bleachers it immediately became a fair ball as far as the making of any play was concerned, and that any thing that happened afterwards was void. He pointed out that had the ball dropped back on the playing field and the batter been thrown out at second, he would not have allowed the out, but would have granted the batter second base. How does it look to you? (Copyright, 1915, by the Wheeler Syndicate, Inc.)

CURLEY GOES EAST FOR FLYNN FIGHT

Jack Curley, who is in El Paso arranging for the big Willard-Johnson fight, left this afternoon on the Golden State for Cincinnati, Ohio, to meet Louie Flynn, who is under Curley's wing, to fight "Gunboat" Smith the night of February 1. While the fight is scheduled to go ten rounds, the Public Fireman expects to stop Smith inside the limit. And Flynn has a good chance to accomplish this as he is fully as fast as Smith and even tougher than "Gunboat." The day following the fight Flynn will accompany Curley on the return trip to El Paso and will stay at the camp down the valley. On the way to Cincinnati, Curley will stop over at Louisville for a number of his proteges. This is Yusuf Hussain, the Terrible Turk, who claims the heavyweight championship of the world at catch as catch can wrestling. Hussain will meet Karl Lammie at Louisville in a championship match. Hussain is said to really have the championship since the retirement of the former champion, Frank Gotch. The Turk has met and defeated practically every well known wrestler. Those who have won both men in action predict that Hussain will have no difficulty in disposing of Lemle Wednesday night. The second fight, immediately after the wrestling match Wednesday night, Hussain will enter for this city and upon his arrival here will assist in training Jess Willard.

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Nagle Still Leads Industrial and Abbott the Smelter Bowling Clubs.

Several changes marked the bowling in the different leagues bowling on the Cactus club alley during the past week. In the Big League Joe Bryan continued his slump, and he not only dropped in percentage, but also dropped back in standing. Scott White continued in his same steady style and moved up into third place. Harry Carr, by coming strong during the week, went into a tie with Bryan for fourth place at 179. In the Industrial league Ray Nagle held his average of 136 and in still far out in front, being 19 points ahead of K. M. Abbott, the second man. H. Delirubel is still in third place with 141 and Bud Ward fourth with 161.

Standings:

Names	Pins	Ave.
A. W. Houch...	23	1742
Lee Davis...	20	1681
Scott White...	42	1658
Joe Bryan...	45	1606
H. D. Carr...	45	1602
Laf Hill...	45	1602
J. J. Houch...	45	1602
J. L. Anderson...	24	1512
K. W. Porter...	42	1512
Harry Carr...	42	1512
N. D. Straton...	42	1512
Ray Nagle...	18	1504
J. A. Wheeler...	29	1454
J. A. Clark...	29	1454
Ed Schatz...	41	1452
R. T. Samples...	39	1452
W. Johnston...	39	1452
J. M. Ridley...	19	1452
A. W. Foster...	24	1452
H. M. Tuttle...	27	1452
G. C. Abbott...	18	1448
H. C. Christie...	24	1448
C. F. Holmes...	24	1448

Industrial League.

Names	Pins	Ave.
Ray Nagle...	41	1738
K. R. Aber...	38	1692
H. Delirubel...	45	1682
Bud Ward...	45	1677
O. T. Binford...	35	1620
D. Gilbey...	39	1618
R. A. Vaughan...	39	1612
L. A. Sherman...	35	1588
G. C. Muller...	41	1588
W. Anderson...	39	1608
C. Dreher...	35	1582
N. Fowler...	39	1602
Ray Smith...	42	1647
George Keys...	39	1584
B. Hester...	38	1642
A. C. Hindsdale...	39	1641
H. A. Smith...	37	1601
N. Chertok...	38	1618
Ad. Baugher...	37	1582
T. Roemer...	39	1612
W. Campbell...	41	1612
P. Glenn...	41	1647
H. Berghauer...	38	1612
C. Gring...	38	1612
H. Meisel...	38	1612

Smelter League.

Names	Pins	Ave.
Critchett...	35	1688
Abbott...	42	1722
Batem...	42	1650
Penner...	42	1650
Rinehart...	39	1672
Woods...	39	1672
Boomer...	35	1672
W. Strain...	35	1672
Koenig...	42	1672
Rogers...	42	1672
P. Stein...	39	1672
Dirkman...	42	1672
Mourton...	42	1672
Faul...	42	1672
Baker...	39	1672
Hall...	39	1672
Morgan...	42	1672

Federal League.

Names	Pins	Ave.
Willard...	12	2043
Delirubel...	20	1812
Koenig...	36	1594
Soderholm...	12	1660
W. Strain...	12	1660
Capron...	36	1594
Hall...	24	1626
Mathews...	24	1626
Ferguson...	27	1614
Butler...	28	1614
Lighton...	28	1614

GRAMMAR SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAMS PLAY THREE GAMES

Three games of basketball were played in the grammar school basketball leagues Saturday. Two were played in the Junior League in the afternoon and one in the Senior League in the morning. The morning game was between San Jacinto and Lamar, and the latter team won by a score of 12 to 10. In the afternoon games in the Junior League Bailey defeated Lamar by 14 to 12 in the first game, while the second game went to Sunset over Villa by a score of 25 to 12, making this even more one-sided than the first game. There was nothing of particular interest in any of the games owing to the fact that all three of the defeated teams played their games with only four men.

STOLEN ARMY AMMUNITION SEIZED BY THE PROVOSTS

Thirty-two hundred rounds of United States army service rifle ammunition were seized Saturday afternoon on South El Paso street while an unknown person was negotiating for their purchase from an expressman. The seizure was made by city detectives and first Sgt. Collick, of the provost guard.

Jess Willard In Street Clothes



BIG JUAREZ BATTLE IS REALITY; FIGHTERS PREPARING TO TRAIN

Machinery Is All in Motion For Probable Transfer of Title From Johnson to Willard, Who Is Confident of Victory; Curley, Before Leaving New York, Cited Reasons For Selecting Juarez For Battle.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—The Jack Johnson-Jess Willard battle for the heavyweight championship of the world will soon be a reality. The doubtful stage has been passed, all details have been completed, and the machinery set in motion for the probable transfer of the title from Ethiopian to Caucasian.

The date definitely decided upon is Saturday afternoon, March 6, the place Juarez—not the bull ring, but the race track—and the distance, forty rounds. The herculean Willard sincerely believes he will relieve Johnson of all championship responsibility. So firm in his conviction is Willard that he has canceled all but one of his theatrical engagements before setting out for his training quarters at El Paso. Kansas City was honored with Willard's presence last week, the giant passing up Omaha, Dallas, Peoria, Oklahoma City, St. Louis and St. Joe, at which places he was booked to appear in stage exhibitions.

Will Reduce Weight.
Big Jess last week tipped the scales at 242 pounds, and expects to work off the superfluous 12 pounds before entering the arena to battle with the manhood Nabab.

Jack Curley, who conducted the match, explained before leaving here why he selected the Juarez race course as the site for hostilities.

"The main reason I decided on the Mexican town was because it is more centrally located than the other places under consideration," said Curley.

Accommodations Better.
"Then again the accommodations, hotel and public, and the facilities for transportation at Juarez excel those of the other cities that bid for the match. Also the officials of the track will not conduct a race meeting on the day of the fight. From the owners of the course we have also received many concessions, as well as from the city of El Paso."

So it can readily be seen that there were reasons aplenty for favoring Juarez," concluded Curley.

Johnson is in strict training for the clash with Willard. The negro champion has three sparring partners with him, and in a day or so Mike Henderson, the Havestriker, middleweight, will leave this port for Juarez to serve as Johnson's fourth aide. Johnson has already received \$2000 for transportation and expenses, and will receive \$28,000 for his end, regardless of the outcome.

Will Train Willard.
It is said that Willard will have the services of Jim Jeffries and Tom Sharkey for his end, regardless of the outcome. The final days of the training camp, of what value these two old timers will be to the conqueror, remains to be seen. Both Jeffries and Sharkey bear strong animosity toward Johnson and

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